

Making Words Plural (More Than One)

- Ask yourself if you mean one (singular) or more than one (plural) thing. If you want to show more than one, make your noun plural: **Add "S" or "ES" only. DO NOT USE AN APOSTROPHE. An apostrophe is NOT used to make any word (or number) plural.**

Examples:

one judge	two judges
one cat	two cats
one monkey	two monkeys (vowel before the "y," just add "s")
one family	two families (rule: consonant before the "y": change to IE)
twenty	twenties (20s —follow the same rule as words)
one box	two boxes (rule: ends with a "snake" sound, add ES)
one church	two churches
one buzz	two buzzes
one wish	two wishes
one James	two Jameses
one Mr. Jones	two Mr. Joneses

- **Some words are the same for both singular and plural**, such as deer, moose, and sheep.
- **Other words change form and don't take an "s" to make plural**, such as child—children; man—men, woman—women; tooth—teeth; ox—oxen; mouse—mice; and hypothesis—hypotheses.
- **For most nouns ending in "o," add "es" if a consonant letter comes before the "o."** (For some musical terms, such as "piano" and "radio," just add "s.")

Write the plural of the words below:

rash: _____ bus: _____ crutch: _____ fax: _____
duty: _____ party: _____ infantry: _____ fairy: _____
pulley: _____ envoy: _____ turkey: _____ honey: _____
auto: _____ ratio: _____ rodeo: _____ studio: _____
tomato: _____ echo: _____ hero: _____ potato: _____
Chris: _____ Sidney: _____ Smith: _____ A: _____ I: _____